

APPENDIX 1

Summary of income support recipients 2002-2012¹

Table 1: Summary of income support recipients by payment type, 2002 to 2012

Payment type	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Age Pension (incl. Dept of Veterans' Affairs Age Pensions) ^(a)	1,818,205	1,861,055	1,876,250	1,915,036	1,922,129	1,952,686	2,039,305	2,117,530	2,158,303	2,225,127	2,282,592
Disability Support Pension	658,915	673,334	696,742	706,782	712,163	714,156	732,367	757,118	792,581	818,850	827,460
Sickness Allowance	9,540	8,755	8,478	8,367	7,573	7,624	7,437	6,968	6,703	6,705	7,150
Widow B Pension	5,130	2,986	1,879	859	775	732	683	637	600	566	531
Wife Pension (partner receives Age Pension) ^(a)	23,730	20,230	19,646	16,946	16,254	14,045	13,395	11,590	10,873	9,333	9,117
Wife Pension (partner receives Disability Support Pension)	44,238	37,880	33,183	28,144	24,627	21,228	18,555	15,847	13,782	11,882	10,200
Carer Payment	67,260	75,937	84,082	95,446	105,058	116,614	130,657	146,870	168,913	186,065	205,565
Austudy	41,187	38,779	35,026	31,174	27,728	27,869	28,776	34,175	37,342	39,213	41,042
ABSTUDY	46,255	47,028	46,555	45,629	35,045	34,489	33,776	34,612	36,308	37,107	35,942
Youth Allowance (student)	313,068	304,946	297,140	285,383	271,408	264,008	256,634	278,664	297,023	325,224	271,472
Youth Allowance (other)	90,339	87,486	84,665	79,573	76,276	68,698	64,907	82,907	88,459	85,972	83,802
Newstart Allowance	554,821	512,332	483,093	453,614	437,667	417,793	399,401	520,194	553,893	527,480	549,773
Partner Allowance	102,330	102,811	90,936	71,615	59,800	45,988	38,456	29,369	24,054	17,147	13,945
Mature Age Allowance ^(a)	40,132	41,078	32,912	20,877	11,697	5,032	754	-	-	-	-
Widow Allowance	41,277	43,209	45,328	44,329	44,385	40,247	39,131	36,086	33,886	29,341	28,935
Parenting Payment (Single)	427,846	436,958	449,312	450,811	432,958	395,495	360,633	344,096	333,512	326,248	319,582
Parenting Payment (Partnered)	191,576	181,405	177,157	167,272	158,814	144,427	125,922	129,365	124,910	117,754	114,342
Special Benefit	13,091	12,228	11,216	9,408	6,841	6,244	6,003	5,809	6,307	6,385	5,828
DVA service pension and income support supplement	370,721	368,572	341,020	344,311	312,571	295,033	285,089	271,546	256,826	241,338	226,045
Total	4,859,661	4,857,009	4,814,620	4,775,556	4,663,769	4,572,408	4,581,881	4,823,383	4,944,275	5,011,737	5,033,323

(a) For some years, Wife (Age) Pensions paid through the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) are captured in Age Pension figures.

(b) Mature Age Allowance was closed to new claimants in September 2003 and there are no recipients of Mature Age Allowance from 2009.

Notes: This is not a complete list of social security income support payments. Numbers represent the recipients 'current' at a point in time (excludes suspended recipients). '-' = not applicable.

Source: DHS and DVA administrative data.

1 Department of Human Services, *Statistical Paper no. 11: Income support customers: a statistical overview 2012*, p. 2 at www.dss.gov.au/about-the-department/publications-articles/research-publications/statistical-paper-series (accessed 17 March 2013).

